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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Army Policy – Supportability Co-equal with Cost, Schedule,
and Performance

Defense acquisition policy holds us accountable for program cost, schedule, and performance. AR 10-5 promulgates acquisition and logistics management responsibilities that are based in title 10, United States Code for equipping, supplying, training, and maintaining the force. These requirements mean that, at the very inception of a materiel solution idea, we must say, "Materiel developers have four, not three, things to consider: cost, schedule, performance, and supportability."

Policy Statement

The Department of the Army holds supportability to be co-equal in importance with the materiel development considerations of cost, schedule, and performance. Accordingly, it is incumbent upon everyone involved in the acquisition and logistics processes to ensure that system supportability is fully addressed throughout the development, acquisition, fielding, and utilization of the system. AR 700-127, *Integrated Logistic Support*, provides Army policy on supportability planning and execution.


Effective supportability is integral to the success of a system. To achieve this end, supportability must be under discussion and evaluation from the very inception of the system idea. Therefore, materiel developers will establish working-level integrated product teams under their integrated product teams, to manage the supportability program. Further, supportability analyses will be conducted as an integral part of the systems engineering process. This is to ensure supportability requirements are identified to optimize total system performance.

Preparation of the Supportability Strategy (see AR 700-127) as a source document for the integrated logistics support information



requirements of our program management documentation must be recognized as only the beginning of our responsibility. We have to get beyond the notion that we have addressed our supportability requirements by merely including words in a prepared document. For example, once the Supportability Strategy has been approved, you have all the information you need to satisfy the support concept requirements of the Acquisition Strategy. Using the Supportability Strategy as a starting point, we must undertake to continuously refine and improve the supportability function.

This policy is effective immediately. The information will be included in the next publication of AR 70-1, *Army Acquisition Policy*. My point of contact is Mr. Inman at (703) 604-7133; DSN 664-7133; e-mail – James.Inman@SARDA.Army.mil. The *supportability* point of contact within the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics is Mr. Hill at (703) 614-7053; DSN 224-7053; e-mail – Larry.Hill@HQDA.Army.mil.



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